(c) The strike was called off following a settlement arrived at in the night of 5th February, 1986 before the Regional Labour Commissioner (Central), Bhubaneswar. Normal work was resumed from the night shift of 6th February, 1986.

**International Medical Sciences city near Hyderabad**

1661. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up an international medical sciences city near Hyderabad; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) A proposal for setting up of an International Medicine Science City in Hyderabad has been received from Dr. P.S. Reddy, Secretary/Treasurer, SHARE (Science and Health Allied Research and Education), USA. The primary object of the proposal is to create a forum where scientists from developed nations can impart training in research and patient care to the personnel from developing nations. The city is proposed to be built on about 1000 acres when fully developed in approximately 25 years. The scheme is intended to be launched when 250 beds have been set up. The city scheme proposes to develop a number of specialities and super-specialities in the fields of medicine, surgery and laboratories. The total estimated cost of the project when fully developed will be Rs. 100 crores. The scheme is being currently evaluated in consultation with DG, ICMR, Director, AIIMS and DGHS.

**Railway Information Services**

1662. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Central Organisation for the railways information services; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) Department of Railways have already set up a Central Organisation for implementation of the Freight Operations Information System. It is, however, proposed to set up a Society under the Societies' Registration Act for the integrated development of operations information System and the connected telecommunications infrastructure.

**Saving due to Electrification of Tracks**

1663. SHRIMATI ILA BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) how much diesel was saved by the Railways both on the passenger and goods transport by electrification during the last five years (years-wise) and what is the percentage of savings on the total diesel consumption in the country ; and

(b) what is Government's plan to increase this performance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) On the assumption that if the traffic hauled by electric traction was to be hauled by Diesel traction, the national savings of High Speed Diesel oil consumption and the percentage of such savings to the total

estimated High Speed Diesel Oil consumption in the country during the last five years are estimated as follows :—

| Year | Estimated savings in High Speed Diesel oil consumption in kilolitres. | Percentage of estimated savings to the estimated total High speed Diesel oil consumed in the country |
|---|---|---|
| 1980-81 | 416194 | 3·36 |
| 1981-82 | 515629 | 3·97 |
| 1982-83 | 549080 | 3·82 |
| 1983-84 | 576553 | 3·82 |
| 1984-85 | 584186 | 3·56 |

(b) During the VII plan, it is proposed to electrify additional 3,400 route kilometres of railway lines. For this purpose, an outlay of Rs. 830 crores has been allocated.

**Electric Locomotives**

1664. SHRIMATI ILA BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently placed orders for 18 electric locomotives of 6000 HP at a cost of about rupees 36 crores ;

(b) how these locomotives are planned to be used on goods or passenger trains ;

(c) what will be the speed and loads of goods trains to be hauled with such electric locomotives ;

(d) what are the passenger trains where these electric locomotives are proposed to be used and what will be the speed of such passenger trains ; and

(e) what problems will these locomotives solve ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These are prototype electric locomotives of 3 years and are planned to be subjected to extensive field trials for hauling heavier goods trains on critical graded high density electrified routes, with a view to select the most suitable type for series indigenous manufacture at CLW Chittaranjan.

(c) These locomotives will be capable of hauling 4500/9000 tonnes goods trains on level upto a maximum speed of 100 Kmph.

(d) These locomotives are not meant for hauling passenger trains.

(e) These locomotives are expected to give the following advantages :—

(1) Haul heavier trailing loads of 4500/9000 tonne at speeds of 100 Kmph on level sections;

(2) Greater reliability in service;

(3) Better and modern aids to drivers to trouble shoot any fault developing on the run;